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FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS OFFER CAMPING CLOSE TO HOME

You've endured the hottest days of summer and managed to survive the season's stifling humidity. Temperatures are finally beginning to cool, and it's time to savor the last waning days of summer. A late summer camping experience may be the perfect anecdote to the daily grind, and this adventure is closer to home than you might think.

The Fairfax County Park Authority provides area residents with two campgrounds set in beautiful lakefront parks, just outside the beltway. Burke Lake Park in Fairfax Station and Lake Fairfax Park in Reston offer campers a refreshing oasis -- and both parks are easily reachable on less than a tank of gas.

Burke Lake Park has 100 wooded campsites situated around a 218-acre lake, which is known for its phenomenal largemouth bass population. You can purchase your bait and tackle and rent a flat-bottom boat with a small trolling motor at the boat launch. With any luck, you'll be grilling your catch by dusk. A camp store with limited groceries and ice will keep your cooler filled with your favorite fare. There are no electric or water hookups, but RV's up to 25 feet in length are welcome. Bring your golf clubs and play the 18-hole par three course adjacent to the lake, or take a leisurely walk around the lake on the four point seven mile trail. Children and adults love taking a twenty minute ride on the antique train, and competing in a round of mini-golf. The campground at Burke Lake is open through October. Call 703-323-6600 for reservations and availability.

Lake Fairfax Park's campground is open year round and has 136 campsites; 70 with electrical hookups. Campers can take a boat ride on the 18-acre lake, or cast a line from the fishing dock, part of the new marina complex. If the temperatures are still toasty, head for the Water Mine Family Swimmin' hole and float along the Lazy River. The western themed water park, which closes after Labor Day, is great fun for children. Call 703-471-5415 for more information.

Camping can reacquaint you with nature's rhythms and rekindle your spirit. Both parks are just minutes away so take refuge from the frenetic pace of city life and pack up your tent, load up the bike rack, and spend a few nights under the stars. For online information about both parks visit us at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/campground.htm>.

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